

**Marked-up copy of amendments to show changes made**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

*At page 3, replace the first paragraph following the structural formulas with:*

In the above formulae, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are, [the] different from each other, [and are a] protecting [group] groups for alcohol and said protecting [group] groups are such that only R<sup>2</sup> is removed when deprotection reaction is carried out. R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are, the same or different, [and are] hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or phenyl, or may form a C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl group together with the adjacent carbon atom. X is a halogen atom or sulfonyloxy group.

*Replace the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 with:*

On the other hand, introduction of tetrahydropyranyl group is carried out by reacting compound (7) and dihydropyrane in the presence of acid catalyst, such as p-toluenesulfonic acid or pyridinium p-toluenesulfonate.

*At page 11, replace the second paragraph with:*

Each of [The combination of] the protecting groups R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> is selected from silyl ether-protecting groups, phenyl-substituted methyl-protecting groups and acetal-protecting groups. [ The combination is] R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are different from each other and [is] are such that [the combination as] only R<sup>2</sup> is removed, when the deprotection reaction is carried out.

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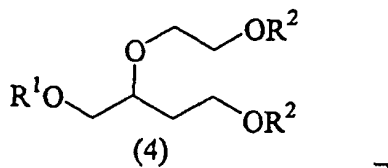
*At page 11, replace the second paragraph with:*

Each of the protecting groups  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  is selected from silyl ether-protecting groups, phenyl-substituted methyl-protecting groups and acetal-protecting groups.  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are different from each other and are such that only  $R^2$  is removed, when the deprotection reaction is carried out.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-24, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the following claims.

25. A compound of formula



or its optically active derivative, wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are different protecting groups for alcohol, such that  $R^2$  is removable by a deprotection reaction that does not remove  $R^1$ .